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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 16, 2002, Applicant hereby submits the following preliminary amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claim 60 and 63 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter.

3. (Amended) The medical product of claim 2/ wherein the unique identifier is an alphanumeric string.

4. (Amended) The medical product of claim 2, wherein the surgical implement is a sponge, a scalpel, a scissor, or a needle.

5. (Amended) The medical product of claim 2, further comprising a memory that stores the unique identifier, and an analog front-end connected to the memory, wherein the analog front-end receives the unique identifier and transmits the unique